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The Allies' reply to the German under-water blockade may be a threat to seize German goods in whatever ship they are found. That does not look like a threat like it to the German population in Berlin. There cannot be many cargoes of German goods afloat now to be seized.

Monday next is the day fixed for voting on the gas by-law. If a plebiscite is to be taken then on the question of re-opening the Riel-street market site it will have to be decided upon quickly. So far the vote is to be taken on Monday, those opposed to the change say, it seems likely that unless some expression of favorable opinion is made by the public masters will be left as they are. It is up to those who think the market should be re-established to say so now.

The Ontario Government proposed to levy a one mill "war tax" on all the sugar in the Province. The Province of Ontario's response is not bearing any share of the cost of the war, and the "war tax" legend is only sugar eating for the pill. The Dominion Government has no right to interfere in the species of unrepresentativeness it is to be expected that Provincial Governments with no higher estimate of public intelligence and no regard for veracity will follow suit.

The British manufacturers who are trying to keep the wheels of industry turning in this day of stress has to fight the dangers and delays due to the war, and also to bear the increased cost of labour and materials upon his products sent across the seas to compete with the makes of other lands. Surely this is hardly a time for a people professing sympathy to the British Empire to impose a tariff upon the already existing tariff against British-made goods.

Last year the date collected on goods imported from Great Britain averaged 19.5 per cent., and on goods imported from the United States 15.6 per cent. The duty on British goods is to be increased 3 per cent. and on goods from the United States 7.12 per cent. On last year's basis the duty collected on British goods during the next year should average 24.5 per cent., and the duty on United States goods 23.1 per cent. Surely the British Government can not but be struck by this remarkable demonstration of our preference for British-made goods.

The population of 370,000 Alberta has 16,000 men in the army. If all Canada were represented in the same proportion the Canadian troops at the front and in training would total 200,000. As they, in fact, are, the loss of 100,000 men is disproportionately larger part this province is taking in providing men is readily apparent. Almost apparent enough, surely, to cause eastern papers to stop dinging the charge of treason at our doors. Let us ask the privilege of selling our services where they will bring most money and of buying where we can to the best advantage.

It is sure that the blockade of Turkey will be reflected in a breakdown in the price of wheat. Which must be causing a lot of loyal wheat dealers to wonder whether the immediate demolition of Turkey is just as imperatively desirable as it is supposed to be.

The Liberals of the new constituency of East Edmonton have selected Mr. A. E. May as their candidate in the coming election, whenever those are held. Mr. May has been a resident of Edmonton for many years, is well known in the city and among the farmers of the neighboring districts. He is a man of a life-long Liberal, of appreciable means and a capable speaker. With the enthusiastic support which the convention made plain that he will receive he should be elected and elected to the House of Commons. He is the qualified man for the task of making an entirely creditable and capable representative in the House of Commons, and may be finally recommended to the people of the constituency for election.

The following opinions upon public matters are in line with the principles for which Liberalism stands.

The Liberals of East Edmonton are determined to see that they do not intend to be tied up to the Conservatives any more. That discredited organization may attach itself to the Conservative party, as it has done to the Edmontonians, but the men who have found it a means of picking up an easy living may go to work. So far as East Edmonton Liberals are concerned they are done with it. Although on Tuesday evening that they did not intend to be tied up to the Conservatives any more. That discredited organization may attach itself to the Conservative party, as it has done to the Edmontonians, but the men who have found it a means of picking up an easy living may go to work. So far as East Edmonton Liberals are concerned they are done with it.

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